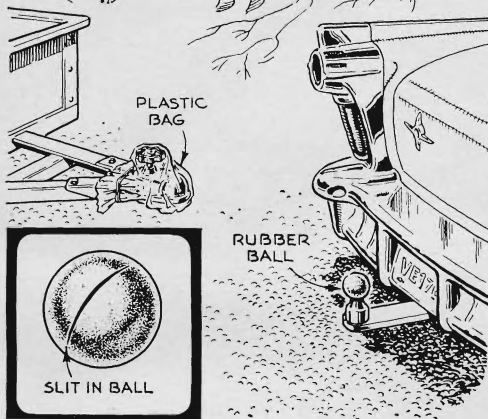




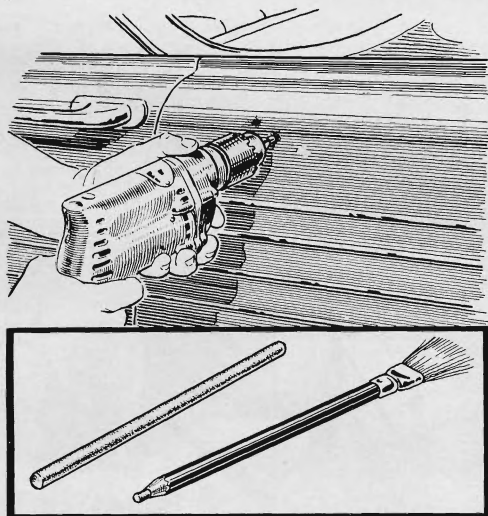
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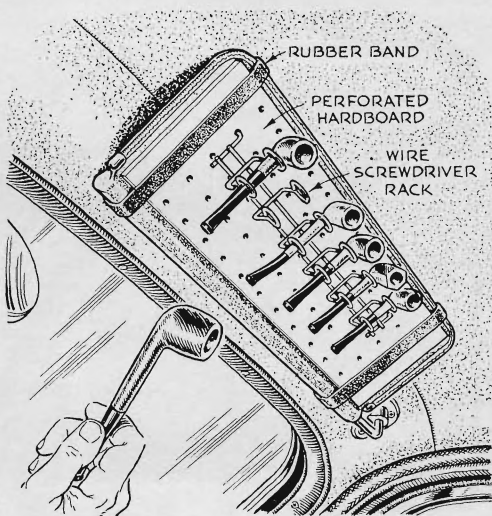
To weatherproof a trailer hitch while it's not in use, all you need is an old rubber ball and a plastic vegetable bag. Slit the ball enough to slip it over the metal ball of the hitch. Use a rubber band to hold the plastic bag in place.



Sudden stops harm new brakes. A new car or one with newly relined brakes should be broken in gently until the linings become burnished. Rough use during a break-in period often causes abnormal wear and may cause uneven brake action.

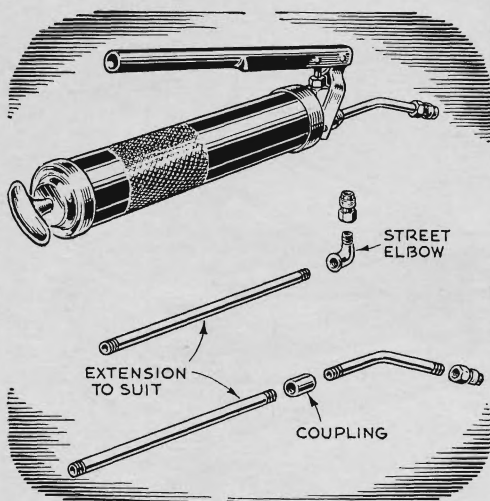


Erasing rust spots is neater and easier than sanding them off. The eraser can be a long pink one made for electric erasing machines or a wood-covered type used by typists. Chuck the eraser in an electric drill, letting $\frac{1}{4}$ " stick out.



Pipe-smoking drivers can keep a full set of pipes at hand by fastening a simple rack to the sun visor. It's made of perforated hardboard and has wire tool holders to slip the pipes in. Rubber bands are cut from an inner tube.

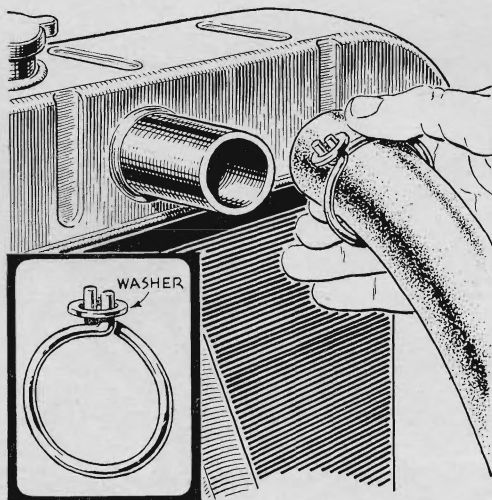
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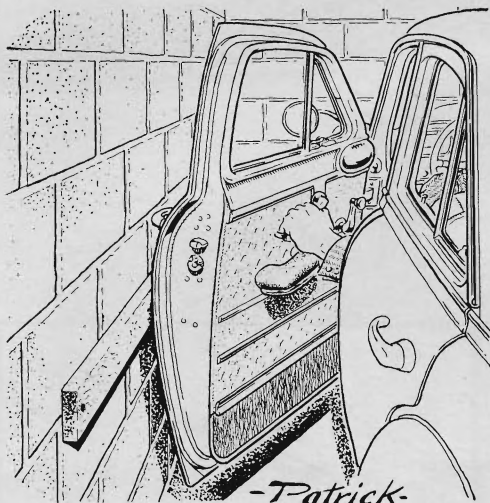
A grease-gun extension of standard pipe ($\frac{3}{8}$ " fits most guns) will reach once-in-accessible fittings. About $1\frac{1}{2}$ ' long, it lets you pump the handle freely, away from grime. The grease gun can be pressed firmly because the extension is rigid.



With a shoe scraper always handy, mud and slush needn't dirty up the inside of a car. This swing-in, swing-out blade bolts to the car frame, and because it's spring-loaded stays put except when pushed sideways by the user's foot.



Installing a wire hose clamp in tight quarters needn't be a knuckle-buster. Before slipping the clamp on the hose, expand it until the ends touch and slip a small washer over them. When the hose is in place, pull off the washer.



A bump strip keeps concrete block from scratching a car's paint job when the door is opened inside the garage. A 3' length of Celotex, 6" to 12" wide, makes a soft yet durable cushion. Masonry or steel cut nails at both ends hold it.